

Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104-208) (the "Act"), I hereby report to the Congress that I have determined and certified that the Government of Burma has, after September 30, 1996, committed large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma. Further, pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(b)) (IEEPA) and section 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1631), I hereby report that I have exercised my statutory authority to declare a national emergency to respond to the actions and policies of the Government of Burma and have issued an Executive order prohibiting United States persons from new investment in Burma.

The order prohibits United States persons from engaging in any of the following activities after its issuance:

- entering a contract that includes the economic development of resources located in Burma;
- entering a contract providing for the general supervision and guarantee of another person's performance of a contract that includes the economic development of resources located in Burma;
- purchasing a share of ownership, including an equity interest, in the economic development of resources located in Burma;
- entering into a contract providing for the participation in royalties, earnings, or profits in the economic development of resources located in Burma, without regard to the form of the participation;
- facilitating transactions of foreign persons that would violate any of the foregoing prohibitions if engaged in by a United States person; and
- evading or avoiding, or attempting to violate, any of the prohibitions in the order.

Consistent with the terms of section 570(b) of the Act, the order does not prohibit the entry into, performance of, or financing of most contracts for the purchase or sale of goods, services, or technology. For purposes of the order, the term "resources" is broadly defined to include such things as natural, agricultural, commercial, financial, industrial, and human resources. However, not-for-profit educational, health, or other humanitarian programs or activities are not considered to constitute economic development of resources located in Burma. In accordance with section 570(b), the prohibition on an activity that constitutes a new investment applies if such activity is undertaken pursuant to an agreement, or pursuant to the exercise of rights under an agreement that is entered into with the Government of Burma or a non-governmental entity in Burma, on or after the effective date of the Executive order.

My Administration will continue to consult and express our concerns about developments in Burma with the Burmese authorities as well as leaders of

ASEAN, Japan, the European Union, and other countries having major political, security, trading, and investment interests in Burma and seek multilateral consensus to bring about democratic reform and improve human rights in that country. I have, accordingly, delegated to the Secretary of State the responsibilities in this regard under section 570 (c) and (d) of the Act.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is authorized to issue regulations in exercise of my authorities under IEEPA and section 570(b) of the Act to implement this prohibition on new investment. All Federal agencies are also directed to take actions within their authority to carry out the provisions of the Executive order.

I have taken these steps in response to a deepening pattern of severe repression by the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) in Burma. During the past 7 months, the SLORC has arrested and detained large numbers of students and opposition supporters, sentenced dozens to long-term imprisonment, and prevented the expression of political views by the democratic opposition, including Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy (NLD). It is my judgment that recent actions by the regime in Rangoon constitute large-scale repression of the democratic opposition committed by the Government of Burma within the meaning of section 570(b) of the Act.

The Burmese authorities also have committed serious abuses in their recent military campaign against Burma's Karen minority, forcibly conscripting civilians and compelling thousands to flee into Thailand. Moreover, Burma remains the world's leading producer of opium and heroin, with official tolerance of drug trafficking and traffickers in defiance of the views of the international community.

I believe that the actions and policies of the SLORC regime constitute an extraordinary and unusual threat to the security and stability of the region, and therefore to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

It is in the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States to seek an end to abuses of human rights in Burma and to support efforts to achieve democratic reform. Progress on these issues would promote regional peace and stability and would be in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States.

The steps I take today demonstrate my Administration's resolve to support the people of Burma, who made clear their commitment to human rights and democracy in 1990 elections, the results of which the regime chose to disregard.

I am also pleased to note that the Administration and the Congress speak with one voice on this issue, as reflected in executive-legislative co-operation in the enactment of section 570 of the Foreign Operations Act. I look forward to continued close consultation with the Congress on efforts

to promote human rights and democracy in Burma.

In conclusion, I emphasize that Burma's international isolation is not an inevitability, and that the authorities in Rangoon retain the ability to secure improvements in relations with the United States as well as with the international community. In this respect, I once again call on the SLORC to lift restriction on Aung San Suu Kyi and the political opposition, to respect the rights of free expression, assembly, and association, and to undertake a dialogue that includes leaders of the NLD and the ethnic minorities and that deals with the political future of Burma.

In the weeks and months to come, my Administration will continue to monitor and assess action on these issues, paying careful attention to the report of the U.N. Special Rapporteur appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Commission and the report of the U.N. Secretary General on the results of his good offices mandate. Thus, I urge the regime in Rangoon to cooperate fully with those two important U.N. initiatives on Burma.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive order that I have issued. The order is effective at 12:01 a.m., eastern daylight time, May 21, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 20, 1997.

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-85).

And then,

52.37 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. SHAYS, pursuant to the special order agreed to on May 16, 1997, at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m., Wednesday, May 21 (legislative day of Tuesday, May 20), 1997, the House adjourned until 9:00 a.m. today.

52.38 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 153. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 408) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-103). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 1377. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-104). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 956. A bill to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse

among youth, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-105 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

52.39 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 956. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than May 20, 1997.

52.40 DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 956 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

52.41 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. COBLE:

H.R. 1661. A bill to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 1662. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the treatment of effectively connected investment income of insurance companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE:

H.R. 1663. A bill to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. EMERSON (for herself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WELLER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WISE, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. DANNER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CLAY, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, and Mr. HULSHOF):

H.R. 1664. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, relating to the bridge discretionary program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H.R. 1665. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the small issuer exemption from pro rata allocation of interest expense of financial institutions to tax-exempt interest; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HEFLEY:

H.R. 1666. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to eliminate provisions of Federal law that provide special support for, or burdens on, the operation of Amtrak as a passenger rail carrier, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut:

H.R. 1667. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the dependent care credit and to allow such credit for respite care expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KASICH:

H.R. 1668. A bill to authorize the reburial in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery of an unknown American who lost his life while serving in the Union Army of the United States during the Civil War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1669. A bill to authorize the reburial in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery of two unknown Americans who lost their lives during the Civil War, one while serving in the Union Army of the United States and the other while serving in the Army of the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut:

H.R. 1670. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require air carriers to establish procedures for responding to in-flight medical emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. GREEN, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 1671. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for Federal-State performance partnerships, to consolidate all nutrition programs under the act in the Department of Health and Human Services, to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the act through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 1672. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit tax-free distributions of property by cooperative housing corporations to its shareholders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 1673. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in update for certain hospitals with a high proportion of Medicare patients; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan:

H.R. 1674. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the unified credit against estate and gift taxes and to increase the amount of estate tax deferral available to owners of small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SPRATT:

H.R. 1675. A bill to require the Secretary of the Air Force to conduct a study to identify Air Force property suitable for exchange to acquire land authorized for addition to Shaw Air Force Base in the State of South Carolina; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 1676. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the competitive selection of lessees when a military department leases certain nonexcess personal property and to ensure that the Government obtains fair market value for the property; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 1677. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain chemicals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 1678. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Para ethyl phenol [PEP]; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. COYNE, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOODLING, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. KLING, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MORAN

of Virginia, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 1679. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of a program regarding life-saving interventions for individuals who experience cardiac arrest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WELDON of Florida:

H.R. 1680. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a separate election for each spouse under the one time election to exclude gain on the sale or exchange of a principal residence and to increase the maximum exclusion to \$250,000 if both a husband and wife make the election for the same residence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. HAMILTON):

H.R. 1681. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 1682. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion of capital gains upon the sale of a principal residence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. RANSTAD, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. SNOWBARGER, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN):

H.R. 1683. A bill to clarify the standards for State sex offender registration programs under the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 1684. A bill to increase the unified estate and gift tax credit to exempt small businesses and farmers from inheritance taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MANTON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. COOKSEY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. WAMP):

H.R. 1685. A bill to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Banking and Financial Services, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COLLINS:

H. Res. 154. Resolution expressing the sense of the House that the Nation's children are its most valuable assets and that their protection should be the Nation's highest priority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.